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SUBJECT: UNSSOD PREPCOM IV: BARTON GROUP AND PREPCOM MEETINGS,
FEB 17
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1. SUMMARY: BARTON GROUP NOTED PROGRESS HAD SLOWED AND
ATMOSPHERE HAD SOURED IN SMALL DRAFTING GROUPS ON PRINCIPLES
SECTION OF DECLARATION AND ON PROGRAM OF ACTION. IN PREP-
COM, TEXTS ON PREAMBLE AND INITIAL TWO SECTIONS OF
DECLARATION, AS PRODUCED BY SMALL DRAFTING GROUPS, WERE
CIRCULATED FOR DISCUSSION NEXT WEEK. PREPCOM ALSO HEARD
COMMENTS BY SEVERAL DELS ON PAPER ON MACHINERY TABLED
BY SEVEN WESTERN STATES. END SUMMARY
2. BARTON GROUP. UK REP (ASHE) REPORTED THAT AT ITS
FEB 16 MEETING SMALL DRAFTING GROUP ON PROGRAM OF ACTION
HAD NOT MADE MUCH PROGRESS. ALTHOUGH GROUP HAD
AGREED TENTATIVELY TO FORMULATIONS WITH RESPECT
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TO QTE OBJECTIVES UNQTE AND QTE PRIORITIES UNQTE,
THE FIRST TWO HEADINGS OF ITS AGREED WORKING FRAME-
WORK (REFTEL), GRUP HAD SUBSTANTIAL DIFFICULTIES
WITH THE THIRD SECTION, QTE IMMEDIATE AND SHORT
TERM MEASURES UNQTE. AS A RESULT, IT HAD DECIDED
TO DELEGATE TWO OR THREE PERSONES FROM THE GROUP
TO DRAFT A PARAGRAPH ON THE COMPREHENSIVE TEXT BAN,

AND TO HAVE MEXICAN REP (BARCIA ROBLES) SUBMIT A PARAGRAPH ON SALT ON THE BASIS OF TEXTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO HIM BY US AND USSR REPS. USREP (WEILER) COMMENTED THAT DRAFTING GROUP HAD ENTERED A DIFFICULT STAGE, AND THAT HE SENSED A CERTAIN MALIASE SETTING IN. WEILER SAID ONE PROBLEM WAS THAT MANY NON-ALIGNED REPS WERE VERY JUNIOR OFFICIALS, WHO WERE TIED RIGIDLY TO INSTRUCTIONS AND WHO IN SOME CASES DID NOT SEEM TO GRASP THE ISSUES.

3. AUSTRALIAN REP (HARRY) STATED THAT ATMOSPHERE IN SMALL DRAFTING GROUP ON PRINCIPLES SECTION OF DECLARATION HAD ALSO SOURED. FRG REP (SCHLAICH) SAID GROUP WHICH NOW HAD DEVELOPED OVERLY LONG LIST OF 19 PRINCIPLES, HOPED TO HAVE A TEXT READY FOR PREPCOM REVIEW BY FEB.22.

4. AUSTRALIAN REP REPORTED THAT CHAIRMAN ORTIZ HAD SUGGESTED TO PREPCOM BUREAU THAT NO FIRM DECISION BE MADE BY CURRENT PREPCOM WITH RESPECT TO THE PARTICIPATION OF NGO'S IN THE SSOD, AND THAT NGO'S BE ASKED TO COME UP WITH A PROPOSAL WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED. AUSTRALIAN REP ALSO REPORTED THAT HE HAD RESISTED ORTIZ' PREFERENCE THAT NEXT PREPCOM BEGIN A WEEK EARLIER THAN SCHEDULED, BUT IT WAS LIKELY ORTIZ WOULD NONETHELESS MAKE THIS PROPOSAL TO PREPCOM NEXT WEEK.

5. PREPCOM. EMAPHSIZING THAT THESE TEXTS WERE PRELIMINARY AND TENTATIVE, CHAIRMAN ORTIZ ANNOUNCED THAT DRAFTING CONFIDENTIAL

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GROUP TEXTS ON PREAMBLE AND INITIAL TWO SECTIONS OF DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT WERE BEING CIRCULATED AS A CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER. WHILE SAYING THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE ALL BRACKETS COULD BE DROPPED BEFORE NEXT PREPCOM AND INDEED UNTIL SSOD ITSELF, ORGIZ SUGGESTED PREPCOM CONSIDER THE CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER AT ITS NEXT SESSION (FEB 22).

6. WESTERN PAPER ON MACHINERY. NORWEGIAN REP (VAERNO) INTRODUCED PAPER ENTITLED QTE INTERNATIONAL MEACHINERY FOR DISARMAMENT UNQTE SPONSORED BY AUSTRALIA, CANADA, DENMARK, FRG, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY AND UK (A/AC.187/103). ITALIAN, SPANISH, AND BELGIAN REPS MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS WELCOMING PAPER. MEXICAN REP (GARCIA ROBLES) SAID MANY OF THE IDEAS IN THE PAPER WERE CONSISTENT WITH HIS GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS. HOWEVER, GARCIA ROBLES ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION AS TO WHAT SOR OF DELIBERATIVE BODY SPONSORS HAD IN MIND AND AS TO HOW SPONSORS HOPED TO SECURE PARTICIPATION OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES IN CCD. ON FIRST POINT, GARCIA ROBLES THOUGHT THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT ON WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, FUTURE SSOD'S WOULD BE REQUIRED; ON SECOND POINT HE STATED THAT PARTICIPATION OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE AS LONG AS INSTITUTION OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP EXISTS. SWEDISH DEL (THORSSON) SAID

THAT WHILE MANY OF THE IDEAS CONTAINED IN THE PAPER WERE GOOD, SHE HAD SEVERAL DIFFICULTIES WITH IT. FIRST, SHE QUESTIONED FINAL SENTENCE IN INTRODUCTION (QTE SOME IMPORTANT QUESTIONS CAN BETTER BE HANDELED ON A BILATERAL OR REGIONAL BASIS UNQTE). THORSSON SAID THAT IF THIS SENTENCE REFERRED TO QUESTIONS SUCH AS THE CURRENT COMPREHENSIVE TEXT BAN NEGOTIATIONS, SHE WOULD OBJECT, SINCE ALL CCD MEMBERS TOOK A SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN NEGOTIATING THAT TREATY AND IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY CCD. SECOND SHE SAID QUESTION OF CONVENING A FURTHER SSOD SHOULD BE MADE BY SSOD I. FINALLY, SHE NOTED PAPER DID NOT CALL FOR ABOLITION OF CCD CO-CHAIRMANSHIP, WHICH SWEDEN AND MEXICO HAD PROPOSED. 8. DRAFTING GROUP ON MACHINERY. ORTIZ ANNOUNCED SECRETARIAT'S TABULATION OF PROPOSALS ON MACHINERY
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WOULD BE READY FEB 21. ORTIZ SAID THAT ONCE PRELIMINARY DRAFTING ON PRINCIPLES SECTION OF DECLARATION HAD BEEN COMPLETED, PROBABLY ON FEB 22, DRAFTING ON MACHINERY COULD BEGIN. LEONARD

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